THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Due to unscientific exploitation of coal reserves during pre-nationalisation days. Certain settlements in Raniganj coalfield area are faced with the problem of land subsidence. The following steps have been taken by Government of West Bengal, the Asansol—Durgapur Development Authority and Eastern Coalfields Limited to meet the problems arising out of the subsidence:—

(i) Prohibition of construction activities over areas declared unsafe for habitation under the law;

(ii) strict enforcement of the Mines Act and Rules, Regulations and the bye-laws made thereunder;

(iii) strict compliance with conditions stipulated by the Director General Mines Safety while giving permission for depillaring operations in the affected areas;

(iv) filling up of surface pot holes; and

(v) stabilisation of underground workings through innovative methods like stowing of sand and water slurry through bore-holes and testing the efficacy of this technology by geo-physical methods. Pilot trials are going on in Ramjibanpur which if found successful would be extended to other areas.

Setting up of a power plant in Assam

1359. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal had welcomed the setting up of a power plant in Assam with Japanese collaboration but had objected to the time of the announcement of the project as violation of a code of conduct;

(b) if so, what was the code of conduct and what type of violation thereof was made;

(c) whether the Central Government have given any reply to the Chief Minister of West Bengal in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d) In a communication addressed to the Chief Election Commissioner, the Chief Minister of West Bengal had objected to the announcement of the Japanese offer of credit for the setting up of a gas turbine station in Assam after the general elections in Assam had been announced. In this communication, the Chief Minister did not say whether or not he welcomed the setting up of the project. In reply, it was clarified to the Chief Minister that a Japanese Mission which had visited India had selected the said project out of four projects and Government of Japan's preference for the project in Assam was indicated in October, 1985. It was also clarified that the Press announcement made by the Japanese side was an expression of their commitment and goodwill.

Commemorative stamps

1360. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commemorative special stamps issued or released by his Ministry during the last three years; and

(b) the names of the distinguished persons in whose memory such stamps were issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The number of Commemorative special stamps issued during the last three years i.e. 1983, 1984 & 1985 was 36, 33 & 38 respectively;

(b) The names of personalities in whose memory such stamps were issued during the last three years are furnished in the enclosed statement.

Statement

List of the Names of distinguished personnels in whose memory stamps were issued during the last three years

Date of Issue	Name of Personality
1	2
	1983
30-1-83	Franklin D. Roosevelt
4-4-83	St. Francis of Assisi
5-5-83	Karl Marx
18-5-83	Charles Darwin
24-7-83	Simon Bolivar
9-8-83	Mahadev Desai
9-8-83	Meera Behar
17-8-83	Ram Nath Chopra
7-10-83	Krishna Kanta Handique
18-10-83	Hemu Kalani
15-11-83	Acharya Vinoba Bhave
5-12-83	Nandlal Bose
28-12-83	Surendernath Banerjee
	1984
21-2-84	Vasudev Balwant Phadke
23-4-84	Baba Kanshiram
10-5-84	Mangal Pandey
10-5-84	Nana Sahib
10-5-84	Tatya Tope
10-5-84	Begum Hazrat Mahal
11-6-84	G. D. Birla
14-9-84	Baburao Vishnu Paradkar
23-10-84	Dr. D. N. Wadia
19-11-84	Smt. Indira Gandhi
3-12-84	Rajendra Prasad
	1985
10-1-85	Narhar Vishnu Gadgil
31-1-85	Indira Gandhi (Crusader of World Peace)
4-4-85	Baba Jassa Singh Ahluwalia
21-7-85	Jairamdas Doultatram
22-7-85	Nellie Sengupta & Jatindra Mohan Sengupta
19-9-85	Swami Haridas
31-10-85	Indira Gandhi—In the service of the Nation.
19-11-85	Indira Gandhi—Priyadarshni
2-12-85	Kakasaheb Kalelkar
21-12-85	Shyama Shastri
23-12-85	Master Tara Singh
24-12-85	Ravishankar Maharaj
22-12-85	Bach & Handel

Post office Saving Banks

1361. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post office savings bank operating in the country during the years 1983-84, 1984-85, and 1985-86;

(b) the amount of money deposited in postal savings banks during these years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of cases of frauds detected during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No. of post offices doing savings bank work:

as on 31-3-84	144546
as on 31-3-85	144615

The information as on 31-3-86 will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Amount of money deposited in postal savings banks:

Year	Amount
1983-84 . . .	Rs. 5529 crores
1984-85 . . .	Rs. 7068 crores